

Can Your Child...

By 4 months

- Make sounds when looking at toys or people?
- Lie on her back and bring her hands together over her chest?
- Reach for a toy while sitting on your lap?
- Lie on his back and wave his arms at a toy?
- Smile or coo at self in a mirror?



By 8 months

- Make sounds like “ba-ba,” “da-da”?
- Stand and hold onto furniture without leaning on his chest?
- Pick up small toys with fingertips and thumb?
- Bang toys together in his hands or on a table?
- Feed self a cracker or cookie?

By 12 months

- Shake his head when he means “no” or “yes”?
- Stand up and take a few steps by herself?
- Help turn the pages of a book?
- Copy you when you scribble with a pencil or crayon?
- Play with a doll or stuffed animal by hugging it?



By 16 months

- Say at least 8 words besides “mama and “dada”?
- Climb on a chair to get something he wants?
- Turn the pages of a book by herself?
- Turn a bottle upside down to get something out?
- Ask for help when needed, such as winding up a toy?

(For 20 to 30 months, see back)

By 20 months

- Follow at least three simple directions like: “Close the door,” “Put the toy on the table,” and “Find your coat”?
- Walk up or down at least 2 steps by herself?
- Turn doorknobs, wind-up toys, twist tops, or jar lids?
- Find a chair or box to stand on to get something he wants?



By 24 months

- Use at least 2 words like “me,” “I,” “mine,” and “you”?
- Kick a ball by swinging her leg forward?
- Thread a shoelace through a bead or shoe eyelet?
- Copy you when you line up four blocks or cars?
- Call herself “I” or “me” more than she calls herself by name?



By 30 months

- Tell you what’s happening in pictures in a book?
- Stand on one foot for a little while without holding onto anything?
- Turn the pages in a book, one page at a time?
- Tell you about pictures he has drawn?
- Says “me” or her name when you ask, “Who’s in the mirror?”

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